

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-22, 24-26, 28, 33, 35 and 38 were previously cancelled. Claims 23, 29, 30, 31, 37 and 39 are currently amended. Claims 27, 32, 34 and 36 are carried forward, all as follows:

Claims 1-22 (Cancelled)

23. (Currently Amended) A printing group of a printing press comprising:
- a forme cylinder supported for rotation in said printing press;
 - an inking system adapted for use to supply ink to said rotatable forme cylinder;
 - first, second and third ink distribution cylinders in said inking system;
 - at least, first and second ~~movable~~ inking rollers and at least first and second ink application rollers in said inking system, at least a first one of said at least first and second inking rollers being a movable inking roller which is movable between a first position in direct contact with said first ink distribution cylinder and out of contact with said second ink distribution cylinder, and a second position in direct contact with said second ink distribution cylinder and out of contact with said first ink distribution cylinder;
 - a first, front ink path from said first ink distribution cylinder to a second one of said at least first and second ~~movable~~ inking rollers and from said second ~~first~~ one of said at least first and second ~~movable~~ inking rollers to said rotatable forme cylinder via said second ink distribution cylinder when said second ~~first~~ ~~movable~~

inking roller is in a first position in contact with both of said first and second ink distribution cylinders;

a second, rear ink path from said first ink distribution cylinder to said rotatable forme cylinder, said first, front ink path being before said second, rear ink path, in a sequence of ink applications to said forme cylinder, and in a direction of rotation of said forme cylinder, ~~said second, rear ink path~~, said second, rear inking path including said ~~at least second~~ movable inking roller, said third ink distribution cylinder and said ink application rollers; and

means supporting ~~each of said at least first and second~~ movable inking roller rollers for movement in said inking system each between said at least first and second positions, ~~wherein said second, rear ink path~~ being is supplied with ink selectively in both said first and second positions of said movable inking roller by one of direct contact between said ~~one~~ movable inking roller, in said first position, in direct contact with ~~and~~ said ~~one~~ first ink distribution cylinder, and by ~~to~~ direct contact of said ~~said second~~ movable inking roller, in said second position, in direct contact with ~~through~~ said second ink distribution cylinder, ~~and by direct contact of said second inking roller with said first ink distribution cylinder, in accordance with said positions of said at least first and second movable inking rollers, said first one of said at least first and second movable inking rollers being movable into and out of contact with said second ink distribution cylinder, said second one of said at least first and second movable inking rollers being movable between selective contact with one of said first and second ink distribution cylinders.~~

24. Cancelled

25. Cancelled

26. Cancelled

27. (Previously Presented) The printing group of claim 23 further including a dampening system in said printing group and having at least one dampening fluid distribution cylinder and at least one dampening fluid application roller, said at least one dampening fluid application roller being supported for movement between selected positions wherein dampening agent can be applied from said at least one dampening fluid application roller selectively to one of said ink distribution cylinders and from said one of said ink distribution cylinders ~~then~~ to said forme cylinder, and directly to said forme cylinder.

28. Cancelled

29. (Currently Amended) The printing group of claim 23 wherein said second one of said at least first and second ~~movable~~ inking rollers is adapted to be movable between third and fourth positions to selectively interrupt, and to complete ~~close~~ an ink path from said first ink distribution cylinder to said second ink distribution cylinder.

30. (Currently Amended) A printing group of a printing press comprising:

- a forme cylinder supported for rotation in said printing press;
- an inking system adapted to supply ink to said rotatable forme cylinder;
- first, second and third ink distribution cylinders in said inking system;
- at least first and second ~~movable~~ inking rollers and at least first and second ink application rollers in said inking system, at least a first of said at least first and second inking rollers being a movable inking roller which is movable between a first position in direct contact with said first ink distribution cylinder and out of contact with said second ink distribution cylinder, and a second position in direct contact with said second ink distribution cylinder and out of contact with said first ink distribution cylinder;
- a dampening system including at least one axially movable dampening fluid distribution cylinder and at least one movable dampening fluid application roller;
- ~~means supporting each of said at least first and second movable inking roller rollers~~ for movement between said first and second selected positions in said inking system, said first movable inking roller being movable into and out of contact with said second ink distribution cylinder, said second movable inking roller being movable between said first and second positions in selective direct contact with one of said first and second ink distribution cylinders and out of direct contact with the other of said first and second ink distribution cylinders;
- a first, front ink path, including said first ink distribution cylinder and said

second ink distribution cylinder, when a second one of said at least first and second ~~movable~~ inking rollers is in contact with both of said first and second ink distribution cylinders, said first, front ink path extending to said ink application rollers and to said forme cylinder;

a second, rear ink path, said second, rear inking path including said ~~at least second~~ movable inking roller in both of said first and second positions, said third ink distribution cylinder and said ink application rollers, ~~each~~; and

means supplying dampening agent from said at least one axially movable dampening fluid distribution cylinder to ~~and~~ said at least one movable dampening fluid application roller and to said forme cylinder and wherein said at least one movable dampening fluid application roller can be selectively assigned to only said dampening system and to both said inking system and said dampening system by selective positioning ~~of said movable one of said plurality of inking rollers and said~~ at least one movable dampening fluid application roller between a first position in contact with said forme cylinder and a second position in contact with said forme cylinder and with said second ink distribution cylinder.

31. (Currently Amended) The printing group of claim 30 wherein said second one of said at least first and second inking rollers is supported for movement between third and fourth positions, said second ink distribution cylinder being is selectively assigned to ink application, to ink and dampening fluid application, and to dampening fluid application by ~~said~~ selective positioning of said movable second ~~first~~ one of said at least first and second ~~movable~~ inking rollers and said

at least one movable dampening fluid application roller.

32. (Previously Presented) The printing group of claim 27 wherein said dampening system is a five-roller dampening system.

33. Cancelled

34. (Previously Presented) The printing group of claim 30 wherein said dampening system is a five-roller dampening system.

35. Cancelled

36. (Previously Presented) The printing group of claim 31 wherein said at least one movable dampening fluid application roller is adapted to be brought into contact with said rotatable forme cylinder.

37. (Currently Amended) The printing group of claim 27 wherein said inking system and said dampening system are changeable between a normal operation wherein ink and dampening fluid are applied to said forme cylinder via said second distribution cylinder, a blind plate operation wherein said first and second ink application paths are interrupted and dampening fluid application is accomplished by said dampening system and said second distribution cylinders, and a special operation wherein dampening fluid application is accomplished

through said dampening system and said second distribution cylinder and wherein inking is accomplished only via said rear ink path.

38. Cancelled

39. (Currently Amended) The printing group of claim 30 wherein said inking system and said dampening system are changeable between a normal operation wherein ink and dampening fluid are applied to said forme cylinder via said second distribution cylinder, a blind plate operation wherein said first and second ink application paths are interrupted and dampening fluid application is accomplished by said dampening system and said second distribution cylinders, and a special operation wherein dampening is accomplished through said dampening system and said second distribution cylinder and wherein inking is accomplished by said second, rear ink path.